IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled):

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A method for operating a contents processing device having a home network interface for connection to a home network and a telephone network interface for connection to a telephone network, the method comprising:

executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through the telephone network;

soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface;

processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface; and

judging whether the communications with the server device directly through the telephone network interface is possible or not;

wherein the soliciting step comprises soliciting the set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network to the gateway device by using the home network interface and the executing step comprises carrying out the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface, when the judging step judges that the communications with the server device directly through the telephone network interface is not possible.

Claim 6 (Canceled):

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A method for operating a contents processing device having a home network interface for connection to a home network, the method comprising:

executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;

soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and

processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface;

wherein the executing step comprises carrying out a prescribed procedure using the communications with the server device in order to obtain a permission to process a specific contents information, when a need to obtain a permission to process the specific contents information arises; and

the processing step comprises reading out the specific contents information from a prescribed storage medium, and the executing step comprises obtaining an address information of the server device which is to be used in setting up connection to the server device, which is recorded along with the specific contents information in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 7, wherein the executing step authenticates the address information using an authentication information for the address information which is also recorded in the prescribed storage medium, before obtaining the address information.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 7, wherein the executing step obtains the address information by decrypting an encrypted address information which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a contents processing device having a home network interface for connection to a home network, the method comprising:

executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;

soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and

processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface;

wherein the executing step comprises carrying out a prescribed procedure using the communications with the server device in order to obtain a permission to process a specific contents information, when a need to obtain a permission to process the specific contents information arises; and

the executing step comprises executing the protocol processing by executing a communication protocol program which is recorded in ~~the~~ a prescribed storage medium along with the specific contents information.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the executing step executes the communication protocol program by decrypting an encrypted communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a contents processing device having a home network interface for connection to a home network, the method comprising:

executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;

soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and

processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface;

wherein the executing step comprises carrying out a prescribed procedure using the communications with the server device in order to obtain a permission to process a specific contents information, when a need to obtain a permission to process the specific contents information arises; and

the executing step comprises executing the protocol processing by executing one communication protocol program that is executable at the contents processing device among a plurality of communication protocol programs of identical function written in different programming languages which are recorded in ~~the~~ a prescribed storage medium along with the specific contents information.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the executing step executes said one communication protocol program by decrypting a corresponding one encrypted communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A method for operating a contents processing device having a home network interface for connection to a home network, the method comprising:

executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;

soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and

processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface;

wherein the processing step comprises utilizing contents information recorded in a prescribed storage medium when a replay condition recorded in the prescribed storage medium is satisfied or when a permission regarding contents information utilization is obtained through a prescribed procedure.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 14, further comprising:

extracting an address information of the server device to be communicated with in order to obtain the permission when the replay condition recorded in the prescribed storage medium is not satisfied;

wherein the soliciting step solicits the set up of connection to the server device according to the address information extracted by the extracting step, and the executing step carries out the prescribed procedure for obtaining the permission from the server device through the connection established by the gateway device in response to a solicitation by the soliciting step.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 15, wherein the executing step carries out the prescribed procedure by executing a communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium along with the contents information.

Claims 17-20 (Canceled).